



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## Rockin' Lowell Back-to-School Dinner and Open House

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All members of the Lowell and Fall Creek communities are invited to a fun Back-to-School event **Tuesday, September 4th beginning at 5:45 p.m.** at the Covered Playground Area at Lundy Elementary.

Parking will be available on South Moss Street in front of the elementary school, then proceed through the gym.

A delicious dinner will be served from 5:45 until 7:00 p.m. at no cost to families.

Superintendent Johnie Matthews will provide welcoming remarks and introductions at 6:15 p.m. Both schools will have open houses with teachers in their classrooms from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The Fire Department will have their kid-friendly Crawl, Drag and Squirt course. In addition, the volleyball team will have their first league games with a JV match at 4:30 and a Varsity match at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

There's so much going on, you won't want to miss this event! Questions? Please call Colette at 541-937-2105.



As Mr. Matthews is known to say, "Not only are we on the *move*, we are well on our way." Thank you for your continued support of Lowell Schools!

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## LOWELL SCHOOLS: We're on the *Move*...

### New Employees in Lowell Schools

**Cassandra Day** is joining the District as a part-time school counselor and will also be teaching junior high social studies and language arts. She graduated from Oakridge (yes, she's Kandi Day's daughter) and received her bachelor's degree from U of O, then a Masters in Education from Pacific University. "Cassie" subbed a lot here and fell in love with the place so she bought a house and is thrilled to be here with her daughter Maya and pug Jayden. She also enjoys traveling to visit family.



**Chelsea Chittim** will be the new 2nd grade teacher at Lundy. No stranger to Lowell, she graduated from here in 2014 and married fellow grad Brandon Chittim in 2016. Chelsea graduated from NCU just last May with a degree in Early Elementary Education. Her first practicum was in Ms. Green's class which is the same group of students that she will now be teaching in 2nd grade this year. She and Brandon love to go to movies and also enjoy walking their English bulldog, Bella.



Also new to the District this year is **Cassidy Cramer**, a new Special Education teacher at Lundy Elementary. She graduated from Bend High School, then from the U of O with a degree in English and a minor in Folk Lore, then earned her Masters degree in Arts and Teaching with endorsements in Language Arts and Special Ed in 2018. Cassidy was drawn to Lowell because of the smaller community feel. Newly married to Jason, they hope to get kayaks and start enjoying the outdoors. While indoors she enjoys their four cats and nail art, painting creative designs on her nails.



**Please welcome these great new employees to Lowell!**

### Lowell Students Build Leadership Skills at GEAR UP Camp

GEAR UP conducted a Leadership Summer Camp at the U of O in August, and 20 Lowell Jr. High and Sr. High students attended, focusing on the building of community, leadership skills, goal attainment and the development of proactive learning habits.

Seeds Training personnel led various hands-on workshops including integrity, the foundation of great leadership, building trust, and the colorblind challenge which stressed some key lessons about effective communication, such as asking questions and listening first. The principle lesson during coaching and mentoring is to focus one's attention on listening before speaking because listening first helps with attaining valuable information and gaining rapport; thus, giving your mentor a sense of being valued.

Students who benefited from attending this camp were Kaylee Astbury, Andrew Bardis, Ashlee Brooks, Enoch Carroll, Caden Durfee, Rowen Files, Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Lily Haynes, Kenadee Hermansen, Sienna Hymer, Shaylin Howard, Kylee Johnson, Kassidy Matthews, Anthony Smith, Kelsie Smith, Alex Stratis, Justus Thurman, Priscilla Thurman, Nicole Tucker, and Mati Williamson. During the school year these students will be asked to demonstrate their leadership skills by being positive examples to their peers. GEAR UP Coordinator Jeanie May arranged the trip and conducted the essay contest and applications. Greg Erickson, Lundy 6th grade teacher, conducted the essay application process at the sixth grade level.



"Overall, we had 33 applicant essays of high quality. GEAR UP allowed us to bring more students than the 12 previously slotted spots. It was an amazing turn out for camp, and teachers in the district are doing an incredible job teaching leadership and composition skills," said May.



### Lowell Varsity Football

Lowell has three home games in a row in September so come out and root them on! Team members are seniors Kent McIntosh, Kasey Erwin, Symon Thurman, Ian Sotomayor, Justin Corp, Tyson Brasfield, Kody Jenks, Jason Stratis and Sebastian Garcin; juniors AJ Devereaux, Taysian Williamson, Josiah VonDoloski,



Brian Lemon, Owen Chapman and Andy Kintzley; sophomores Chamber Schnee, Timarion Stratis and Nicholas Sotomayor; and, freshmen Deacon Savio, Anthony Smith, Odin Sinnett, Enoch Carroll, Austin Smith, Raymond Fassbender and Andrew Bardis. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Ryan Maher, Mark Kintzley, Mark Gonzales and Clark Wozich.

### Lowell Varsity Volleyball

In spite of moving up to 2A this year, this team is expected to compete very well at this level. Team members are: seniors Raelynn Trimble and MiKayla Curry; juniors Alanna Beyer, Kaitlyn Sinnett, Monica Guzman-Fields, Shyann Pocholec, Melina Winters and Keara Miller; sophomores Kylee Johnson, Lucy Plahn, Audra Chapman, Bethany VonDoloski, Kaelyn Matthews, Kalie Folck, Kelsie Smith, Mahayla McFadden and Shaylinn Howard; and, freshmen Alexis Curry, Priscilla Thurman and Ashlee Brooks. Head coach Kristen Prenevost is assisted by Mollie Garcia-Cash and Maddie Maher.



### Cross Country Underway

This year's team may be small in numbers but they are great competitors. The team includes seniors Gabe Carroll and MacKenzie Smith; sophomore Katie Chapman; and, freshmen Sam Smith and Dyma Silver (not pictured). Head coach Jill Chapman is assisted by Cody Brooks.



### New Conference for Lowell Athletics

Starting next year, Lowell will be classified as 2A and will be in a newly developed conference called the Central Valley Conference. The new conference will consist of Lowell, Oakland, Oakridge, Monroe, Central Linn, Jefferson, East Linn Christian and Regis. Lowell will be 2A for volleyball, basketball and track.

We have always been 1A/2A in cross country, wrestling, baseball and softball. Football will continue to be 8-man for two more years. Our football special district consists of Lowell, Elkton, Yoncalla, North Douglas, Oakridge and Mapleton in the South, and, Mohawk, Crow, Waldport, Siletz, St. Paul, Perrydale and Falls City in the North.

Check the schedule on page 8 of this newsletter or on the school website at <http://www.lowell.k12.or.us/athletics/> then come out and support these great kids!

## City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

### Security Cameras Installed

The City of Lowell is in the process of installing security cameras in Rolling Rock Park and Paul Fisher Park. Upon completion, public areas will be covered with high definition cameras, which include night vision and an off-site backup. The goal of the project is to deter vandalism and increase safety in our parks and open spaces. Cameras will not be monitored, however, in accordance with City policy, footage of any vandalism or other alleged criminal conduct may be released to the Lane County Sheriff's Office for investigation.



### Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days can bring congestion, even in the small town of Lowell: buses are picking up children, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school, parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. The National Safety Council provides the following guidance to help keep kids safe this school year:

#### *If You're Dropping Off*

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. According to the National Safe Routes to School program, [more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location](#). The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

#### *Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians*

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you, as this could put them in the path of traffic
- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

#### *Sharing the Road with School Buses*

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and tend to ignore hazards and take risks

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones .

**Board and Committee Vacancies**

The City is accepting applications for the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee. All interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at [www.ci.lowell.or.us](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us). Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

**Lowell City Council Actions**

**At the August 7th study session, the following topics were discussed:**

- Backflow Prevention Program
- RDI Proposal for Small Business Organization Assistance
- Solid Waste Franchise Agreement
- City Hall and Library Renovations
- Travel Oregon Competitive Small Grant
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Materials Management Grant

**At the August 21st regular meeting:**

- The Yard of the Month was awarded to William & Sabrina Croxen of 78 East 4th Street.
- Approved the proposal with RDI for small business organizational assistance.
- Approved the submission of the Travel Oregon competitive small grant application for \$20,000 to determine the feasibility of a non-motorized recreational dock on Dexter Lake.
- Approved Resolution 703: A resolution authorizing the City Administrator to acquire a 0.06-acre parcel on the SE corner and a 0.42-acre parcel on the SW corner of Rolling Rock Park.
- Approved Mr. Cobb as primary and Mr. Bennett as alternate voting delegate at the League of Oregon Cities Annual Membership Meeting.

All motions were approved 5-0.

**Monthly Police Log (July 29-August 24)**

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
08/21/18	1:46 PM	Dispute	100 Block North Moss Street
08/22/18	1:16 PM	Motor Vehicl Accident DUI	West Boundary Road and Parker Lane
08/22/18	7:10 PM	Civil Problem	400 Block North Shore Drive
08/23/18	11:23 AM	Civil Problem	400 Block North Shore Drive

**Please report suspicious activity and tips to the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) by phone at 541-682-4150 or 541-682-4141. For a crime in progress or other emergency always dial 9-1-1.**

*The Alumni and Friends of Lowell High School  
request the honor of your presence at our  
4th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, Raffle and Silent Auction*

*Saturday, October 6th—Lowell High School Gymnasium  
5:00 p.m. Auction bidding and socializing  
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Honors*

*Space is limited to the first 240 guests; reserve your seat by September 28th.  
Tickets are available at the high school office or call 541-937-2124.  
There will be no ticket sales at the door.*

*The classes of 1968 and 1993 will be gathering in the Library from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
All are welcome!*

## FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

### Fire Protection

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors would like the Lowell Fire District to know that they appreciate the community's support. It has been brought to their attention that there are a few households within our boundaries that may not be protected by fire services. We would like to reach out to you and give any information that may be needed if you are interested in this service.

In the past we had a higher ISO rating that may not have made it practical for some. We have recently had a change in that ISO rating and offer a Class 4 rating to about 98% of the District. If you are not sure if you are covered or if you would like more info please contact Chief Dragt at Lowell Fire Main Station 541-937-3393 or by email at [dragt2300@gmail.com](mailto:dragt2300@gmail.com). All households within the Fire District are covered for Medical Emergencies separately and this will not affect that coverage.

### Fire Restrictions

There seems to have been a lot of confusion when it comes to Fire Restrictions. Lowell Fire District follows Eastern Lane ODF Fire Restrictions. Some of this confusion comes from the two different rating systems. There is a Residential Fire Restriction and an Industrial Fire Restriction. The differences are minimal but noticeable when you hear them. If there are questions please feel free to contact the Lowell Fire District at 541-937-3393 or Eastern Lane ODF at 541-726-3588. We want our community to be as safe as possible. Thank you for your dedication to making sure that Lowell is a safe community for all.

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### September at the Farmers Market

Dexter Lake Farmers and Crafters market is open Sundays, noon to 4, in Rolling Rock Park through September 30. We invite you to visit and partake of the abundance of the time of year. We asked our farmers what products they will be selling in this final month.

Joel Hucka from Circle H farm in Dexter says he'll be there at every market, either in his own booth or leaving produce for the consignment booth to sell. He'll have garlic, winter squash, leeks, onions, cherry tomatoes, eggplant, and more.

Circle H Farm is providing a new service for your convenience. Go to their website, [circlehorganicfarm.com](http://circlehorganicfarm.com), to find a list of their current offerings. Make your order on-line for fresh food on your table as needed.

Phil Robbins makes smoothies and other fun treats at the market; he also brings a side-line of fresh vegetables and berries. He expects to be selling cherry tomatoes, zucchini, green beans, fall greens, brussel sprouts, and other items. He has some nice late strawberries but their availability depends on the weather.

Eden Garden, with farmers Alison Adams and Tom Weinart, is fairly new to this area, reliably bringing in their products. They will set up their booth every Sunday through the last market day on Sept. 30 and expect to have duck eggs, fall greens, sweet corn (probably through 9/16), blue corn, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, cilantro and other herbs, green beans, and more. Tom farmed/marked his products in a farmers market in eastern Washington for 20 years.

Our consignment booth sells food and crafts for local farmers, gardeners, and crafters. Our farmers can sell there rather than miss a market if needed. Recently we have been featuring ample supplies of a wide variety of peppers, squash, garlic, sweet corn, and much more from the Nexus community garden. Nexus is a program of Lowell High School which offers students experience raising and selling plants, getting and keeping a job, and other important life skills. We expect more fresh veggie offerings from Nexus in the next few weeks.

When you visit the market, take time to talk to your farmers. Let them know what your needs are and what locally grown foods you like. Bring your patience along because at times they are busy selling. They will be happy to meet you and hear what you have to say.

## In and Around Our Community

### Clothing Bank Can Help with School Clothes

The Clothing Bank continues to be open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays with hours from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or [Stewartx6@fastmail.fm](mailto:Stewartx6@fastmail.fm) to make other arrangements.

The clothing bank provides free items to anyone in need and all sizes are available. It's located in the food pantry building at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field). Thank you to our community for being so generous with their donations, they are appreciated very much!



**Senior Moments**  
**Every Second Wednesday**  
**10:00 am—Noon**  
 featuring:  
**DVDs, conversations,**  
**snacks, drinks and more!**

**Lowell Community Library**  
**inside City Hall 107 E. 3rd St.**

For info. call Maggie 541-937-3759

### Library Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are welcome at the Lowell Community Library. Time slots open are mornings, afternoons, or all day — whatever works for you. Come and meet your neighbors and kids of the community and learn how the library runs. Contact Maggie at 541-937-3759.



### Returnable Can/Bottle Drive First Saturdays

Please continue to help support local high school groups by bringing your returnable cans and bottles to the high school parking lot every 1st Saturday morning of the month from 10-Noon. Thank you!



### Mystery Dinner Theater Tickets on Sale!

The Lowell Grange Building Restoration Committee presents “Inspector Detector and the Case of the Precious Treasure”, a mystery by Christopher Gieschen. Four performances will be held in September. Dates/times are:



- Saturday, September 22nd, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 23rd, 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 29th, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 30th, 4:00 p.m.

Cost is just \$15 for a chicken dinner and the show! Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are of limited quantity. Don't miss out — contact any Grange member or call Gerry at 541-937-2190.

Proceeds help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. We appreciate your support of this effort!

### Other Grange Events in September

- Breakfast on September 2nd
- Texas Hold 'em Poker on September 7th and 15th
- Bingo! on September 19th

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. Thank you very much!

### CDBA Drag Boat Races

The last race of the season will be September 15-16. These events benefit not only the school groups that take care of the gate admission and trash collection, the Lowell Fire Department serves up a delicious breakfast on both days from 7:00 until 9:30 a.m. Proceeds fund many community projects the Department provides during the year.

Come on out and support your local fire department!



### Hall of Fame Dinner Invitations in the Mail!

If you haven't received your invitation in the mail for the October 6th Hall of Fame Celebration and would like one, or would like one sent to a friend or relative, please contact Cindy at 541-937-2124 and she will make sure they get sent your way — see you Oct. 6th!

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*The Bridge is a cooperative effort of Lowell School District #71,  
City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: September 2018

- 1—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot  
Cross Country @ Hydrangea Ranch Tillamook, 8:15 a.m.
  - 2—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street  
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
  - 4—Back-to-School Dinner/Open House, 5:45/7:00, Lundy Elem.  
JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Jefferson, 4:30/6:00 p.m., HS Gym  
**City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 5—**First day of school! Please drive safely!**  
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 6—Cross Country @ Cascade HS Turner, 4:00 p.m.  
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Central Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.  
Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall  
Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting,  
7:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 7—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.  
Varsity Football v. Nestucca, 7:00 p.m.
  - 9—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
  - 10—Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
  - 11—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Monroe, 4:30/6:00 p.m.  
**Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**  
Blackberry Jam Committee, no meeting
  - 12—Senior Moments, 10 a.m.—Noon, Lowell Library, 107 E. 3rd  
Cross Country @ Silver Falls State Park, 4:00 p.m.
  - 13—Cross Country @ Sweet Home, 3:00 p.m.  
JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Oakridge, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
  - 13—Varsity Football v. Waldport, 7:00 p.m.
  - 14—**No School!** Teacher In-service day
  - 15—Cross Country @ Schwarz Park CG, 10:00 a.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 16—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
  - 17—JV Volleyball @ Crow, 4:00 p.m.
  - 18—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Regis, 4:30/6:00 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
  - 19—Cross Country @ Stayton Middle School, 3:00 p.m.  
Bingo! at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, 7:00 p.m.
  - 20—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. East Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
  - 21—Varsity Football V. Yoncalla, 7:00 p.m.
  - 22—Cross Country @ Elijah Bristow State Park, 9:00 a.m.
  - 23—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
  - 24—**School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
  - 25—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Oakland, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
  - 27—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Jefferson, 4:30/6:00 p.m.  
Cross Country @ Oak Hill School, TBD
  - 28—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church  
Varsity Football @ Elkton, 7:00 p.m.
  - 30—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- In October:
- 1—JV Volleyball @ Crow, 4:00 p.m.
  - 2—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Central Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.